GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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NATIONAL WATER MISSION
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up a National Water Mission for better co-ordination and effective implementation of water related schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to invest in irrigation sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b) The Government is considering the setting up of a National Mission for Water Conservation.

(c) & (d) The National Common Minimum Programme of the United Progressive Alliance Government envisages stepping up of public investment in irrigation in a significant manner and to accord highest investment priority to irrigation. It also envisages completion of all ongoing projects according to a strict time schedule. In addition to the normal plan allocation to various States and Union Territories; the Finance Minister in his Budget speech has announced a provision of Rs.2800 crore to the Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) this year. A scheme to repair, renovate and restore all the water bodies linked to agriculture has also been announced by the Finance Minister.